

# Prophets Told About Jesus' Birth

Isaiah 7, 9, 11 & Micah 11 | Preschool  
Christmas Edition: Session 1

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**STORY POINT:**  
Prophets told about the Messiah

**KEY PASSAGE:**

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."

**Galatians 4:4-5**



**AS KIDS ARRIVE:**

As kids arrive let them color and work on their activity pages. You can also play some floor games like LEGOS, blocks, Go Fish, etc.

**WELCOME KIDS AND GO OVER UP RULES:**

"We are so glad you are here today! My name is \_\_\_\_\_. We always love hanging out with you and opening up the Bible together. We have a lot of fun things planned for today and I'm going to need your help to make it happen. Do you remember any of our UP Rules?" (Let the kids respond and remind them if they get off track)



Rules will always be on the wall in each room so you can refer back to them.

1. Listen Up
2. Look Up
3. Sit Up
4. Hand Up
5. Zip Up
6. Mask Up
7. Clean Up



**OPENING QUESTION:**

Invite kids to come to the floor and sit on a log cushion. Ask them the following question to help start the conversation for the day. The questions are there to help spark conversation. Let the kids respond and maybe even take you on a few tangents. This will help you know how they might connect with the today's story.

**SAY:** "Before we get started I have a quick question for you. Are you good at guessing what's going to happen next in a book or a movie?"

(Give the children time to respond.)

**SAY:** Today we will hear what two prophets, Isaiah and Micah, wrote about Jesus long before He was born. They didn't guess what was going to happen; they knew because God told them. Prophets were people who listened to God and told the people what He said. God told the prophets a lot about Jesus.



### **OPENING ACTIVITY: Prophecy Game**

**Supplies: soap, washcloth, toothpaste, toothbrush, fork, spoon,...and other household items.**

Bring in household items that go together (toothpaste and a toothbrush, soap and a washcloth, a fork and spoon, and so forth). Put each item in a paper sack and mix up the bags. Invite a kid to choose two bags. If the two items go together, set them aside and let another volunteer pick. If not, put the items back in the bag. Play until all items are matched.

**SAY:** *The Old Testament and New Testament may seem like separate things, but they go together like any of the items you matched in our game. They are both part of the one big story God has been telling. People wrote things down in the Old Testament that came true and ended up being written down in the New Testament! We'll learn more about how they connect today!*

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### **BIBLE STORY: Prophets Told about Jesus' Birth Isaiah 7; 9; 11; Micah 5 — Christmas Session 1**

**Supplies: Bible, emoji cards**

**(Tell the Bible story using the story below and then show the Bible story video)**

#### **Go over Key Passage: Galatians 4:4**

Place a bookmark in a Bible at Galatians 4:4. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the key passage aloud.

**SAY:** "During Advent we celebrate how Jesus came and is coming again. Our verse from Galatians reminds us that God had planned to send Jesus all along. He had a special plan to rescue us from our sins!

(Encourage kids to repeat after you and make up motions)

"But when the fullness of time had come,  
God sent forth his Son,  
born of a woman,  
born under the law."

This verse reminds us why we celebrate Jesus being born...because God gave us a special gift... his son, Jesus!

**SAY:** Alright, if you're ready to hear our story, touch your nose and then touch your toes! Then touch your nose. And put your finger over your mouth.

No other book is like the Bible. The Bible is God's one big story that teaches us how he has worked through all of history and rescued us from sin. Today's Bible story is found in the book of Isaiah in the Old Testament.

**STORYTELLER TIP:** Use the bolded words for younger kids to help keep their attention. Use the **pictures/emojis to help the kids guess what the prophets wrote down?**

**Long ago, before Jesus was born, God gave messages to some men. These men were prophets; they told God's messages to people. The messages were about things that God was going to do.** The prophets wrote down God's messages down. **Two of the prophets were named Isaiah and Micah.** They wrote down messages from God. **God said that one day Jesus would come. Isaiah the prophet lived hundreds of years before Jesus was born** on earth.

**Isaiah wrote down God's message about Jesus.** Isaiah wrote that **God would:**

*(\*Show Emoji Card #1 to see if kids can guess what the prophecy was)*

**Good guessing! Isaiah said God would choose a woman to be Jesus' mother. Jesus' mother would not be married yet.**

Isaiah also said that:

*(\*Show Emoji Card #2 to see if kids can guess what the prophecy was)*

He said that **when Jesus was born, one of Jesus' names would be Immanuel. Immanuel means "God with us."** Later, Isaiah talked about Jesus again, and he wrote these words so people could hear about God's plan.

**Isaiah said:**

*(\*Show Emoji Card #3 to see if kids can guess what the prophecy was)*

**Great guessing again! Here's what he said. "A child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on His shoulders." That meant that Jesus was coming, and He would be a King (picture of crown).**

Guess what else Isaiah said? Here are some hints:

(Show Emoji Card #4 to see if kids can guess what the prophecy was)

**“He will be named Wonderful Counselor,**

(Show Emoji Card #5 to see if kids can guess what the prophecy was)

**Mighty God,**

(Show Emoji Card #6 to see if kids can guess what the prophecy was)

**Eternal Father,**

(Show Emoji Card #7 to see if kids can guess what the prophecy was)

**Prince of Peace.” Even more names for Jesus! All of Jesus’ names tell us who Jesus is and what great things He would do.**

**Jesus was going to come to earth to help people** and keep them safe. **He would be a loving king,** and **He would bring peace to the whole world.** Isaiah had a third message about Jesus. This time, **Isaiah talked about Jesus’ family.** Isaiah wrote these words down too. Isaiah said that Jesus would be part of Jesse’s family. Jesse was King David’s father.

**Then Isaiah said that God would be with Jesus,** and **Jesus would be wise and strong.** He would do the right thing and be fair.

Finally, **Micah the prophet told a message about Jesus.** These words are in the Bible too. See if you can guess based on these pictures:

(Show Emoji Card #8 to see if kids can guess what the prophecy was)

**Micah said that Jesus was going to be born in a town called Bethlehem. He said that Jesus was going to be a ruler. Hundreds of years later, everything that God told Isaiah and Micah came true.**

**Here is how this points us to Jesus:** God had a great plan to rescue people from sin. God’s plan was not a secret plan. The prophets told people about God’s plan. They said God would send a Messiah: Jesus! Jesus would be born into the world as a baby. Jesus would live a perfect life and die on the cross to rescue people from sin.

***(Feel free to show the Bible Story video if you have time to help reinforce the story.)***

Our Big Picture Question helps us think about how our story points us to Jesus.

**Big Picture Question: Why was Jesus born? *Jesus was born to rescue us.***

### PRAYER:



(You can take prayer requests from kids before you pray. You can also ask a child if they would like to pray.)

“Father, thank You for providing trustworthy information to tell people about the Messiah. Thank you for your faithfulness and that you used so many people to tell your story! Your perfect Word helps us see that the Bible is trustworthy and true. Help us to boldly tell others about Jesus. Give us courage to live on mission for You. Amen.”



**CRAFT:** Crown Ornament

**Supplies:** foam, pipe cleaner, jewels, sharpies

Feel free to do some of the prep work before kids arrive.

1. Give each child a piece of foam.
2. Help them use the stencil to trace the crown.
3. Show them how to cut out their crown.
4. Help them decorate their crowns.
5. Attach a pipe cleaner as a hanger.
6. Write their names on it and “Jesus is our Prince of Peace” on the back.



**SAY** • Look how beautiful these crowns are! When you get home, put this ornament on your tree to remind you this Advent that Jesus is our Prince of Peace. He brings us peace to rescue us from our sins.



### GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **What did prophets do?** (Prophets told about the Messiah.)
2. **What does the name Immanuel mean?** (Immanuel means “God with us.”)
3. **What did all of Jesus’ names tell us about Him?** (They told us who Jesus is and what great things He would do.)
4. **Where did the prophet Micah say Jesus would be born?** (in Bethlehem)
5. **Why was Jesus born?** Jesus was born to rescue us.

**If you finish early, allow children to play on the floor with games or color while they wait for their parents.**